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 Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—28) Page S1422
 Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

February 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1443.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1327–1355; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 49; and H. Res. 143, 146–147, were introduced. Pages H2099–H2101

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H2102–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 144, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 46) relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–13); and

H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1112) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee (H. Rept. 116–14). Page H2068

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2049

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. Pages H2049, H2067–68

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Page H2050

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act: H.R. 583, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio; Pages H2050–52

Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019: H.R. 501, to amend the Public Health Service

Act to reauthorize and enhance the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program; Pages H2052–53

Strengthening the Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force Act of 2019: H.R. 525, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a public-private partnership for purposes of identifying health care waste, fraud, and abuse; Pages H2053–55

Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019: H.R. 539, to require the Director of the National Science Foundation to develop an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready innovation companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 88; Pages H2055–58, H2064–65

Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act: H.R. 425, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research; Pages H2058–60

Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act: H.R. 276, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through high school, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 89; and

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Merit Systems Protection Board Temporary Term Extension Act: H.R. 1235, amended, to provide that the term of office of certain members of the Merit Systems Protection Board shall be extended by a period of 1 year, to limit such members from concurrently holding positions within the Federal Government; Pages H2062–64

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide that the term of office of certain members of the Merit Systems Protection Board shall be extended by a period of 1 year, and for other purposes.”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Resignation of the Clerk of the House: Read a letter from Karen L. Haas, in which she announced her resignation as Clerk of the House of Representatives, effective midnight on February 25, 2019.

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Electing the Clerk of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 143, electing the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Administration of the Oath of Office to the Clerk of the House: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Enacting into law a bill by reference: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 483, to enact into law a bill by reference, as amended by Representative Peterson.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2064–65 and H2067. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RELATING TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019; BIPARTISAN BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2019; ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019; H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1112, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, and H.R. 1112, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for pur-

pose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–5 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1112, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–6 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all